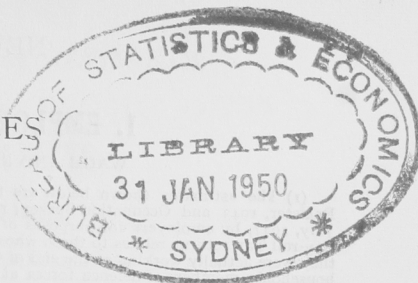


NEW SOUTH WALES



MONTHLY SUMMARY

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1. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(1) The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. (2) The number of employees recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns relates to those whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups †.								Professional and Personal Services. §
	Govern- mental. *	Private. †	Total. ‡	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. ‡	Building and Construc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Finance and Property.	Wholesale Trade.	Retail Trade.		
MALES. (thousands.)												
1933—June ...	103.2	277.4	380.6	18.1	94.5	55.1	65.0	.....	78.4	.....	44.2
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.6	.....	56.6
1941— " ...	141.5	406.2	547.7	26.0	202.1	54.0	76.8	14.9	28.7	41.6	49.3	
1943— " ...	156.9	365.2	522.1	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	28.7	39.6	
1944— " ...	152.2	372.0	524.2	24.4	217.6	28.2	82.3	10.6	23.4	28.5	42.6	
1945— " ...	156.7	384.5	541.2	24.7	216.6	34.2	86.0	11.3	24.3	30.2	45.8	
1946— " ...	169.8	455.6	625.4	25.7	239.7	45.1	97.3	16.9	34.3	42.1	57.0	
1947— " ...	179.0	497.7	676.7	26.7	255.7	57.0	102.7	18.8	37.9	46.6	62.9	
1948— " ...	186.8	515.4	702.2	28.0	265.2	61.1	107.4	19.5	39.6	49.4	64.5	
Nov. ...	188.7	519.4	708.1	27.3	266.4	62.2	107.8	19.7	41.1	50.6	64.8	
1949—Mar. ...	191.5	526.1	717.6	27.5	270.2	63.2	110.0	20.2	41.5	49.9	66.4	
April ...	192.0	526.1	718.1	27.3	268.6	64.4	109.5	20.3	42.2	50.0	67.1	
May ...	194.0	527.6	721.6	27.5	269.5	64.7	111.0	20.4	42.7	50.2	67.7	
June ¶	195.6	510.1	705.7	24.4	257.4	64.9	110.9	20.4	42.1	50.1	66.3	
July ¶	194.8	442.0	636.8	11.7	210.1	62.8	109.1	20.3	40.6	49.2	64.5	
Aug. ¶	195.2	506.0	701.2	24.7	257.6	63.8	108.2	20.4	41.9	49.7	65.7	
Sept. ...	196.7	519.2	715.9	27.6	263.9	66.0	109.8	20.6	42.7	49.6	66.2	
Oct. ...	196.7	523.5	720.2	27.8	267.5	65.9	110.0	20.6	43.2	49.4	66.3	
Nov. ...	198.2	527.0	725.2	28.3	268.6	66.1	111.2	20.6	44.0	50.6	66.3	
FEMALES. (thousands.)												
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	0.1	36.3	0.3	3.7	.....	33.6	.....	49.4
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	49.1
1941— " ...	21.7	196.6	218.3	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.2	8.3	9.5	36.0	60.2	
1943— " ...	46.1	207.7	253.8	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	38.5	65.9	
1944— " ...	45.6	205.4	251.0	0.2	91.6	0.7	13.8	10.2	10.5	36.3	67.7	
1945— " ...	43.4	203.3	246.7	0.2	85.7	0.7	14.5	10.6	10.5	37.5	69.6	
1946— " ...	32.8	210.2	243.0	0.2	83.1	0.9	12.9	10.0	11.1	39.2	73.3	
1947— " ...	32.3	220.6	252.9	0.2	86.8	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	40.9	77.1	
1948— " ...	33.4	229.3	262.7	0.3	91.1	1.1	13.8	10.9	13.6	42.8	79.1	
Nov. ...	33.9	235.8	269.7	0.3	93.0	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.8	44.8	81.0	
1949—Mar. ...	35.2	233.9	269.1	0.3	92.8	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.5	43.7	81.7	
April ...	35.2	233.9	269.1	0.3	93.0	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.6	43.4	81.7	
May ...	35.8	234.2	270.0	0.3	93.5	1.2	14.6	11.6	13.5	43.4	81.8	
June ¶	36.0	227.8	263.8	0.3	88.7	1.2	14.7	11.7	13.4	42.7	80.9	
July ¶	36.6	207.4	244.0	0.3	74.0	1.2	14.6	11.7	13.1	40.4	78.0	
Aug. ¶	37.0	229.0	266.0	0.3	90.4	1.2	14.7	11.9	14.5	42.1	80.3	
Sept. ...	37.3	232.7	270.0	0.3	93.4	1.2	14.7	11.9	14.0	42.3	81.4	
Oct. ...	37.7	235.5	273.2	0.3	95.1	1.2	15.0	11.9	14.1	42.6	82.2	
Nov. ...	38.0	237.8	275.8	0.3	96.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.3	43.7	82.4	
PERSONS. (thousands.)												
1933—June ...	120.0	386.4	506.4	18.2	130.8	55.4	68.7	.....	112.0	.....	93.6
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	105.7
1941— " ...	163.2	602.8	766.0	26.2	278.1	54.7	85.0	23.2	38.2	82.6	109.5	
1943— " ...	203.0	572.9	775.9	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	67.2	105.5	
1944— " ...	197.8	577.4	775.2	24.6	309.2	28.9	96.1	20.8	33.9	64.8	110.3	
1945— " ...	200.1	587.8	787.9	24.9	302.3	34.9	100.5	21.9	34.8	67.7	115.4	
1946— " ...	202.6	665.8	868.4	25.9	322.8	46.0	110.2	26.9	45.4	81.3	130.3	
1947— " ...	211.3	718.3	929.6	26.9	342.5	58.0	115.5	29.2	49.8	87.5	145.5	
1948— " ...	220.2	744.7	964.9	28.3	356.3	62.2	121.2	30.4	53.2	92.2	143.5	
Nov. ...	222.6	755.2	977.8	27.6	360.3	63.3	121.7	30.7	54.9	95.4	145.1	
1949—Mar. ...	226.7	760.0	986.7	27.8	363.0	64.3	124.3	31.8	55.0	93.6	145.1	
April ...	227.2	760.0	987.2	27.6	361.6	65.5	123.8	31.9	55.8	93.4	145.1	
May ...	229.8	761.8	991.6	27.8	363.0	65.9	125.6	32.0	56.2	93.6	145.1	
June ¶	231.6	737.9	969.5	24.7	346.1	66.1	125.6	32.1	55.5	92.8	145.1	
July ¶	231.4	649.4	880.8	12.0	284.1	64.0	123.7	32.0	53.7	89.6	145.1	
Aug. ¶	232.2	735.0	967.2	25.0	348.0	65.0	122.9	32.3	56.4	91.8	145.1	
Sept. ...	234.0	751.9	985.9	27.9	357.3	67.2	124.5	32.5	56.7	91.9	147.1	
Oct. ...	234.4	759.0	993.4	28.1	362.6	67.1	125.0	32.5	57.3	92.0	148.1	
Nov. ...	236.2	764.8	1,001.0	28.6	364.6	67.3	126.2	32.6	58.3	94.3	148.1	

* Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.
 † From July, 1943, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services. ¶ Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and see note (2) above.

2. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES.

Year.	Month of November.			Five Months ended 30th November.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,471,750	2,012,920	458,830	12,685,023	10,200,881	2,484,142
1947 ...	3,031,695	2,439,631	592,064	14,631,441	12,072,971	2,558,470
1948 ...	3,304,321	2,858,802	445,519	16,269,056	13,905,478	2,363,578
1949 ...	3,726,788	3,203,226	523,562	14,386,769‡	14,592,326	(-) 205,557

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

‡ Excluding a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions, June to August, 1949.

TRAFFIC.

Year.	Month of November.		Five Months ended 30th November.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.			
1946 ...	1,459	21,045	7,390	106,962
1947 ...	1,513	21,186	7,609	108,349
1948 ...	1,420	22,307	7,487	109,199
1949 ...	1,695	21,757	5,988	101,762

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

3. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.				NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.			
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Month of November—								
1946 ...	341,300	117,000	458,300	439,600	18,700	48,600	45,200	3,400
1947 ...	407,600	165,900	573,500	574,500	(-) 1,000	59,100	59,700	(-) 600
1948 ...	389,200	243,900	633,100	642,700	(-) 9,600	66,700	69,900	(-) 3,200
1949 ...	412,800	294,000	706,800	689,700	17,100	78,800	77,700	1,100
Five months ended 30th November—								
1946 ...	1,684,600	590,200	2,274,800	2,277,300	(-) 2,500	241,000	242,200	(-) 1,200
1947 ...	2,106,600	776,800	2,883,400	2,783,300	100,100	300,400	298,400	2,000
1948 ...	1,873,400	1,128,300	3,001,700	3,116,100	(-) 114,400	323,100	338,300	(-) 15,200
1949† ...	1,862,500	1,464,900	3,327,400	3,441,500	(-) 114,100	362,500	366,800	(-) 4,300

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £469,159 in year 1948-49.

Earnings exclude a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions, June to August, 1949.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947, and 29th November, 1948.

4. MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE REGISTER IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

At end of Month.	Cars. *	Public Passenger Vehicles.†	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Total of Foregoing.	Cycles.		Traders' Plates.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total on Register.
					Solo.	Side-car.				
1939—June ...	213,331	4,807	76,726	294,864	17,180	6,971	1,164	1,035	6,414	327,628
1946—" ...	188,191	5,213	97,176	290,580	15,546	4,946	848	2,056	11,067	325,043
1947—" ...	195,857	5,631	113,544	315,032	19,316	5,856	1,160	2,374	14,712	358,450
1948—" ...	210,506	6,262	127,413	344,181	23,501	6,575	1,438	3,398	18,317	397,410
Sept. ...	216,777	6,400	131,085	354,262	24,000	6,738	1,581	3,712	18,928	410,121
Dec. ...	222,104	6,489	134,620	363,213	26,454	6,944	1,637	3,996	20,181	422,425
1949—March ...	226,768	6,536	137,267	370,571	27,911	7,108	1,690	4,226	21,006	432,512
June ...	232,837	6,635	140,338	379,810	29,198	7,181	1,781	4,455	21,525	443,950
Aug. ...	236,096	6,633	142,113	384,842	29,893	7,248	1,845	4,581	21,918	450,327
Sept. ...	238,545	6,708	143,440	388,693	30,353	7,323	1,867	4,655	22,164	455,055
Oct. ...	240,714	6,738	144,828	392,280	30,828	7,348	1,894	4,728	22,356	459,434
Nov. ...	244,397	6,807	146,708	397,912	31,550	7,413	1,945	4,815	22,637	466,272

* Excluding public passenger vehicles.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Classification of Public Passenger Vehicles at 30th November, 1949, was:—

	Omnibuses.	Taxicabs.	Hire Cars.	Tourist Vehicles.
Metropolitan and Newcastle	1,699	1,654	502	63
Other Districts	1,305	1,013	445	66

5. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Taxicabs. *	Omnibuses. *	Cycles.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total.
Year ended June—								
1939 ...	19,924	7,712	569	130	2,196	209	1,505	32,245
1946 ...	526	3,234	Nil.	54	681	318	1,613	6,126
1947 ...	7,998	5,487	7	116	2,850	254	2,950	19,662
1948 ...	16,659	9,079	133	329	4,451	551	2,970	34,172
1949 ...	25,466	11,674	186	339	7,442	806	3,371	49,284
Month—								
1948—Nov. ...	1,795	975	21	50	669	72	309	3,891
1949—March ...	2,423	1,207	19	17	797	82	228	4,773
April ...	2,222	1,006	9	14	681	58	242	4,232
May ...	2,950	1,126	10	24	644	88	204	5,046
June ...	2,336	1,115	14	22	508	58	190	4,243
July ...	1,911	1,013	10	9	532	64	180	3,710
Aug. ...	2,163	1,112	4	5	684	68	250	4,286
Sept. ...	2,819	1,493	9	23	675	90	301	5,410
Oct. ...	2,631	1,411	6	23	735	65	249	5,120
Nov. ...	3,993	1,703	20	28	841	79	316	6,980

* Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

6. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

At end of Month.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718
February ...	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648
March ...	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625
April ...	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659
May ...	431,149	575,144	663,518	693,550	709,694
June ...	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	706,452
July ...	433,972	580,747	686,633	703,745	700,434
August ...	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,963	715,066
September ...	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	724,031
October ...	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	727,722
November ...	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	727,497
December ...	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	

7. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

*Private building figures relate in years marked * to permits issued by local councils of the Metropolis, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan shires; and in periods marked † to permits issued by all local councils.*

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£ thousand.								
1940* ...	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1944* ...	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945* ...	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946* ...	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947* ...	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947† ...	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948† ...	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Jan.—Nov.†									
1948 ...	20,485	5,903	26,388	24,754	4,727	29,481	45,239	10,630	55,869
1949 ...	24,931	7,182	32,113	29,311	6,249	35,560	54,242	13,431	67,673
Month†									
1948—Sept.	2,084	734	2,818	2,435	328	2,763	4,519	1,062	5,581
Oct.	1,822	711	2,533	2,362	762	3,124	4,184	1,473	5,657
Nov.	1,975	559	2,534	2,528	291	2,819	4,503	850	5,353
1949—Sept.	2,600	745	3,345	2,917	883	3,800	5,517	1,628	7,145
Oct.	2,552	936	3,488	3,279	733	4,012	5,831	1,669	7,500
Nov.	2,654	520	3,174	3,290	769	4,059	5,944	1,289	7,233

* and † see notes above Table.

8. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	Division of Cumberland.			Remainder of State.	Total, New South Wales.
	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.			£ thousand.		
1939* ...	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1943* ...	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944* ...	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945* ...	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946* ...	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947* ...	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947† ...	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948† ...	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Jan.—Nov.†					
1948 ...	20,485	9,929	30,414	14,825	45,239
1949 ...	24,931	11,062	35,993	18,249	54,242
Month† ...					
1948—Sept.	2,084	945	3,029	1,490	4,519
Oct.	1,822	951	2,773	1,411	4,184
Nov.	1,975	986	2,961	1,542	4,503
1949—Sept.	2,600	1,280	3,880	1,637	5,517
Oct.	2,552	1,202	3,754	2,077	5,831
Nov.	2,654	1,285	3,939	2,005	5,944

* and † see notes above Table 7.

9. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE & GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.

(Permits issued by all Local Councils and Government Building as defined above Table 7).

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
£ thousand.								
METROPOLIS.								
Year, 1947 ...	16,524	1,373	167	163	183	3,471	2,670	24,551
" 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
Jan.—Nov., 1948 ...	18,362	1,659	31	269	170	3,392	2,505	26,388
" 1949 ...	21,593	2,145	26	284	179	3,783	4,103	32,113
Month								
1948—September ...	1,931	101	2	21	52	517	194	2,818
October ...	1,633	130	1	5	12	109	553	2,533
November ...	1,808	158	7	12	13	325	211	2,534
1949—September ...	2,159	300	4	20	28	259	575	3,345
October ...	2,126	111	7	38	11	366	829	3,488
November ...	2,343	217	7	53	39	257	258	3,174
REMAINDER OF STATE.								
Year, 1947 ...	20,516	299	313	306	387	849	1,918	24,588
" 1948 ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
Jan.—Nov., 1948 ...	24,232	484	145	271	166	1,704	2,479	29,481
" 1949 ...	28,735	554	77	341	253	1,072	4,528	35,560
Month								
1948—September ...	2,435	68	2	8	18	127	105	2,763
October ...	2,426	26	8	22	16	175	451	3,124
November ...	2,507	20	14	20	22	57	179	2,819
1949—September ...	3,111	91	2	30	31	68	467	3,800
October ...	3,180	42	4	71	20	16	679	4,012
November ...	3,122	82	...	44	21	105	685	4,059
TOTAL, NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year, 1947 ...	37,040	1,672	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
" 1948 ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
Jan.—Nov., 1948 ...	42,594	2,143	176	540	336	5,096	4,984	55,869
" 1949 ...	50,328	2,699	103	625	432	4,855	8,631	67,673
Month								
1948—September ...	4,366	169	4	29	70	644	299	5,581
October ...	4,059	156	9	27	28	374	1,004	5,567
November ...	4,315	178	21	32	35	382	390	5,353
1949—September ...	5,270	391	6	50	59	327	1,042	7,145
October ...	5,306	153	11	109	31	382	1,508	7,500
November ...	5,405	299	7	97	60	362	943	7,233

10. NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS— AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	Division of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised*.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised*.	Commenced.	Completed.
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year, 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571
Dec. Qtr. ...	5,309	3,308	3,453	8,470	5,393	5,423
Year, 1948 ...	18,826	14,216	11,078	30,983	22,397	18,041
1949—March Qtr. ...	4,891	3,254	2,476	8,087	5,140	3,950
June Qtr. ...	5,364	3,608	3,034	8,778	5,841	4,814
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,699	2,965	2,986	7,927	5,371	4,941

* Permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.

At end of September, 1949, there were 25,092 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

11. RAINFALL—INDEX.

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1948.													
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949.													
January ...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105
February ...	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March ...	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April ...	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May ...	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85
June ...	111	105	56	46	84	110	112	37	65	99	282	317	174
July ...	63	62	104	62	76	51	65	111	92	85	143	61	97
August ...	91	68	25	24	56	108	67	23	46	189	202	48	174
September ...	256	191	104	168	179	272	187	106	148	76	208	157	120
October ...	277	197	242	283	243	246	176	258	235	235	117	97	187
November ...	153	129	195	104	155	162	153	192	178	82	114	232	109
December ...	42	57	55	21	48	41	69	53	56	48	62	51	52

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

12. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 463,208,000 lb. in 1948-49, compared with 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48 and an average of 469,560,000 lb. in the five seasons 1942-43 to 1946-47.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 46·8d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1949, compared with 37·9d. per lb. in 1947-48 and 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price was 45d. per lb. in September, 1949, 52d. in October 55·5d. in November, and (subject to revision) 60·5d. in December, 1949.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season ended 30th June.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Five Months ended 30th November.*			Bales in Store Unsold at 30th Nov. †
		November.	Five months ended 30th Nov.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Sydney	1947-48	125,808	604,088	331,587	46,457	16,612,288	257,549
	1948-49	173,341	718,979	324,742	34,095	20,616,515	369,636
	1949-50	161,433	713,524	403,258	37,310	31,447,536	280,088
Newcastle	1947-48	27,764	114,414	64,297	25	2,868,410	51,015
	1948-49	29,638	133,645	68,641	...	3,833,027	60,988
	1949-50	35,510	150,514	80,725	1	5,252,312	65,069
Goulburn	1947-48	14,987	35,788	10,503	...	493,040	25,596
	1948-49	21,182	44,160	11,638	...	710,008	32,690
	1949-50	19,830	46,098	13,875	...	993,958	32,712
Total	1947-48	168,559	754,290	406,387	46,482	19,973,738	334,160
	1948-49	224,161	896,784	405,021	34,095	25,159,550	463,314
	1949-50	216,773	910,136	557,858	37,311	37,693,806	377,869

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.
† Including carry-over from the previous season, but excluding stocks held by J.O.

13. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	busbels.	busbels.
Average—1939-40 to 1948-49 ...	4,201,000	3,870,000	50,344,000	13'0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,532,000	16'6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3'5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18'9
1948-49 ...	4,243,000	4,038,000	64,704,000	16'0
1949-50* ...	4,206,000	4,021,000	83,000,000	20'6

* Preliminary estimate by State Statistician, January, 1950.

14. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
thousand lb.								
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701	2,888
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435	3,588
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623	5,618
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,488	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309	8,685
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,160	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456	10,085
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336	
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	8,632	
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	8,243	
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	9,022	
April ...	10,044	5,105	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	6,781	
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	4,551	
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	3,430	
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	74,519	
Five Months ended Nov. ...	40,750	31,704	27,581	27,245	18,169	23,184	25,524	30,864

15. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
First* ...	29th Jan.	731	625	640	519	859†	539	513
Second ...	26th Feb.	933	774	867	860	796	918	954
Third ...	26th Mar.	981	781	893	913	833	869	929
Fourth ...	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	908
Fifth ...	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	970
Sixth ...	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	926
Seventh ...	16th July	918	884	846	798	993	941	225
Eighth ...	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	109†
Ninth ...	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	1,117
Tenth ...	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	1,100
Eleventh ...	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	966	1,108
Twelfth ...	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	1,182
Thirteenth* ...	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446	830	696‡
Year ...		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	10,737‡
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	1,351‡
Year ended 31st December.								
Northern District ...		8,302	7,335	6,775	7,690	7,879	7,781	6,825
Western District ...		1,643	1,702	1,626	1,758	1,888	2,018	2,007
Southern District ...		2,261	2,006	1,775	1,738	1,916	1,922	1,905
Total ...		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	10,737‡
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	1,351‡

* Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, N. Dist. two weeks; W. and S. Dists. one week.

† Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ Includes production from "Open Cuts" by the Army, 201,000 tons.

§ Preliminary.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following statistics of production are obtained principally by means of returns collected monthly from producers by the Government Statistician of N.S.W. in conjunction with the Commonwealth Statistician. The figures for 1948-49 are subject to revision on receipt of annual returns. Production from June to August, 1949 was affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Butter. *	Cheese. *	Processed Whole Milk Products.	Bacon and Ham.	Jam.	Preserved Fruit.	Preserved Vegetables.
thousand lb.							
Year—							
1938-39 ...	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47 ...	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48 ...	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,014	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49 ...	74,519	5,562	43,945	29,649	34,310	27,678	25,259
Month—							
1948—Sept.	4,623	377	3,616	2,667	3,492	175	1,596
Oct.	7,309	681	4,794	2,238	2,109	99	1,937
Nov.	7,456	632	4,738	2,345	1,859	104	2,401
Dec.	8,336	625	4,486	2,915	3,888	3,759	900
1949—Jan.	8,632	625	4,448	1,954	3,726	1,298	2,445
Feb.	8,243	563	4,808	2,191	2,007	4,483	4,127
March	9,022	633	4,637	2,671	2,088	15,796	3,053
April	6,781	488	3,883	2,330	1,859	733	3,987
May	4,551	313	2,205	2,651	2,606	633	2,000
June	3,430	232	2,156	2,384	1,363	234	1,416
July	2,888	245	1,803	2,214	627	90	1,557
Aug.	3,588	266	2,541	2,507	2,011	}	1,504†
Sept.	5,618	350	3,203	2,059	3,244		1,429
Oct.	8,685	774	5,313	2,285	1,976		3,331
Nov.	10,085	888	6,188	2,787	1,822		4,224

* Production in factories only.

† Revised.

Period.	Flour.	Bran (Wheaten).	Pollard (Wheaten).	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats.	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch).	Malt.	Biscuits. *
	tons. (2,000 lb.)	tons. (2,000 lb.)	tons. (2,000 lb.)	cwt.	cwt.	bushels.	thous. lb.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	†	640,915	43,611
1946-47 ...	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48 ...	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
1948-49 ...	641,606	114,400	151,193	163,680	142,365	636,655	54,677
Month—							
1948—Sept.	57,872	10,715	13,294	10,112	12,062	56,626	4,788
Oct.	50,617	10,330	12,705	7,329	11,083	53,860	5,282
Nov.	55,397	10,095	13,562	6,408	12,515	54,107	4,539
Dec.	49,150	8,654	12,111	4,861	11,601	44,577	4,580
1949—Jan.	55,235	9,798	13,344	8,514	6,794	37,537	3,236
Feb.	51,408	9,196	12,391	10,353	12,533	47,530	4,580
March	53,863	9,798	13,226	16,294	13,200	54,379	5,066
April	41,431	7,154	9,889	19,067	12,081	52,356	5,144
May	47,027	7,914	11,432	21,894	13,087	62,765	5,350
June	50,265	8,604	12,084	20,565	13,835	58,583	3,601
July	39,785	6,835	9,582	17,766	2,168	55,570	300
Aug.	40,934	6,971	10,076	13,060	9,291	59,471	3,215
Sept.	58,543	10,038	14,128	8,734	14,287	52,346	7,538
Oct.	58,668	10,206	13,916	9,612	13,289	56,012	6,154
Nov.	59,705	10,861	14,030	8,057	16,733	47,630	6,262

* Excluding ice cream cones.

† Not available.

Period.	Margarine.		Ice Cream.	Confectionery.		Beer.
	Table.	Other.		Chocolate.	Other.	
	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.	thous. lb.	thous. lb.	thous. gal.
Year—						
1938-39 ...	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47 ...	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48 ...	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,709	34,896	45,626
1948-49 ...	13,688	34,584	6,944	28,903	32,243	55,630
Month—						
1948—Sept.	1,040	3,603	573	2,714	3,137	4,794
Oct.	1,248	3,040	610	2,638	2,982	4,737
Nov.	1,593	3,136	695	2,324	2,811	5,024
Dec.	1,173	2,698	814	1,950	2,375	4,876
1949—Jan.	816	1,665	747	1,207	1,632	4,679
Feb.	947	2,810	799	2,036	2,537	4,516
March	1,702	2,837	671	2,453	2,822	5,128
April	1,210	2,601	492	2,204	2,413	3,602
May	1,384	2,986	449	3,112	3,019	5,000
June	1,015	3,014	329	2,563	2,284	3,805
July	321	1,614	345	1,018	1,417	350
Aug.	212	3,656	572	2,239	2,454	3,324
Sept.	876	3,612	583	3,543	3,584	5,151
Oct.	743	3,383	694	3,441	3,164	4,972
Nov.	1,237	3,946	748	2,760	3,319	5,131

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

METALS, COAL AND ENERGY.

Period.	Gold.	Coal.	Coke (Metallurg.).	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Gas.	Electricity.
	fine oz.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	thous. tons.	million cub. ft.	million kWh.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	88,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946-47 ...	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947-48 ...	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,546
1948-49 ...	63,768	11,736	1,116	897	1,129	18,161	3,718
Month—							
1948—Sept. ...	5,617	1,139	114	84	107	1,586	317
Oct. ...	5,597	934	83	74	91	1,518	307
Nov. ...	4,708	994	79	54	65	1,449	305
Dec. ...	5,712	1,039	100	83	105	1,441	298
1949—Jan. ...	5,376	561	79	68	88	1,422	284
Feb. ...	3,745	955	92	71	98	1,328	288
March ...	5,697	1,075	102	79	103	1,531	324
April ...	3,808	929	84	77	91	1,536	299
May ...	7,169	1,127	107	90	113	1,730	336
June ...	6,575	776	70	69	70	1,418	295
July ...	711	5	12	16	Nil	1,036	180
Aug. ...	911	815	55	40	46	1,370	262
Sept. ...	6,546	1,236	120	94	134	1,656	323
Oct. ...	6,206	1,148	128	99	129	1,592	317
Nov. ...	†	1,285§	126	108	128	1,546	324

* Year ended 31st December, 1939. † Year ended 31st May. ‡ Monthly totals are approximate.
§ Preliminary total for December, 825,000 tons. ¶ Not yet available.

MISCELLANEOUS METAL PRODUCTS.

Period.	Engines (Internal Combustion).		Electric Motors.		Motor Bodies.		Cycles.
	Marine.	Other.	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks, Trailers and Vans.	All Other.	
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39 ...	977	1,214	26,671*	82,382*	3,553	2,023	36,416
1946-47 ...	2,803	8,943	80,465*	25,533*	2,071	774	30,259
1947-48 ...	2,839	11,165	80,465*	25,533*	2,384	2,567	28,567
1948-49 ...	2,324	16,585	79,169	31,566	3,102	1,112	27,577
Month—							
1948—Sept. ...	237	1,446	8,067	3,384	283	110	2,356
Oct. ...	220	1,592	7,056	2,657	265	105	2,307
Nov. ...	181	1,459	7,139	2,433	293	120	3,117
Dec. ...	173	1,245	6,345	2,145	237	99	4,007
1949—Jan. ...	130	849	4,604	1,709	153	64	1,154
Feb. ...	177	1,356	6,758	2,533	242	89	1,901
March ...	177	1,523	7,999	2,921	285	87	2,084
April ...	194	1,591	5,061	3,033	220	71	2,032
May ...	205	1,555	5,729	2,659	291	101	2,552
June ...	153	1,412	4,219	2,187	281	87	1,812
July ...	131	512	280	318	188	39	1,612
Aug. ...	188	894	3,786	957	257	66	1,029
Sept. ...	210	1,632	6,693	3,023	318	103	2,322
Oct. ...	179	1,472	6,379	2,607	321	91	2,194
Nov. ...	210	1,742	7,737	2,927	359	123	3,387

* Electric motors for sale as such; monthly totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products of the establishment.

CLOTHING.

Period.	Hats (Felt).	Corsets and Corselets.	Brassieres.	Gloves.		Boots and Shoes. †	Slippers.
				Dress.	Work.*		
Year—	doz.	doz.	doz.	doz. pairs.	doz. pairs.	thous. pairs.	thous. pairs.
1938-39 ...	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47 ...	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48 ...	140,662	44,285	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948-49 ...	145,282	46,798	108,904	9,503	114,615	§	§
Month—							
1948—Sept. ...	13,358	4,180	9,449	1,056	11,462	†	†
Oct. ...	13,170	3,709	8,602	876	11,211	†	†
Nov. ...	16,044	3,766	9,606	1,036	12,562	†	†
Dec. ...	8,539	4,455	8,652	698	10,277	†	†
1949—Jan. ...	10,299	2,212	5,723	603	7,307	391	141
Feb. ...	13,001	3,741	9,379	599	8,723	455	234
March ...	15,629	5,271	12,507	856	10,457	535	334
April ...	11,923	3,758	8,638	591	7,546	389	241
May ...	15,193	3,762	10,459	666	9,469	486	268
June ...	7,271	3,725	9,764	466	6,680	394	282
July ...	734	1,724	7,588	480	4,868	275	161
Aug. ...	5,568	2,537	12,776	507	8,423	501	259
Sept. ...	8,523	3,037	12,244	588	9,627	524	280
Oct. ...	6,068	3,274	11,926	625	9,492	509	258
Nov. ...	10,517	4,315	15,432	714	10,214	557	266

* Excluding rubber gloves. † Includes sandals but not rubber footwear. ‡ Not available. § Not yet available.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

BUILDING MATERIALS AND FITTINGS.

Period.	Sawn Timber (Native).	Bricks.	Tiles.		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Cement.
			Terra Cotta.	Cement.			
	million sup. ft.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousand sq. yd.	thousand sq. yd.	tons.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	179.4	379,236	20,129	*	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47 ...	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48 ...	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
1948-49 ...	347.7	324,474	23,569	5,642	8,566	4,993	484,529
Month—							
1948—Sept. ...	30.3	32,645	2,352	582	837	438	42,275
Oct. ...	32.0	27,577	2,102	520	860	399	42,757
Nov. ...	32.0	28,705	2,197	469	729	431	34,803
Dec. ...	30.4	26,282	1,802	434	630	358	29,848
1949—Jan. ...	37.2	17,021	1,371	370	647	329	27,539
Feb. ...	25.7	20,436	1,979	428	713	408	40,578
March ...	24.6	29,725	2,025	532	715	471	46,243
April ...	25.5	24,872	1,804	424	664	432	39,745
May ...	25.0	30,723	2,052	516	788	492	56,660
June ...	30.8	23,611	1,668	369	510	408	39,572
July ...	32.9	4,621	631	142	Nil	206	} 39,031
Aug. ...	28.2	15,831	1,271	293	412	285	
Sept. ...	26.2	28,349	2,090	647	861	387	
Oct. ...	31.4	†	†	†	961	†	53,628
Nov. ...	28.8	†	†	†	896	†	52,077

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Paint (Oil).	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves—Cooking—Domestic.				Gas Meters.
			Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.		
					Stoves.	Stovettes.	
Year—	thous. gal.	thous. gal.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	*	863	17,154	17,736	4,930	*	24,619
1946-47	1,568	1,138	12,033	12,883	31,221	*	32,675
1947-48	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	27,912	43,552
1948-49	†	†	12,569	24,111	15,162	†	43,989
Month—							
1948—Sept. ...	*	*	1,369	1,859	755	*	3,984
Oct.	*	*	1,138	1,721	1,432	*	3,894
Nov.	*	*	1,182	2,026	1,331	*	4,102
Dec.	*	*	925	1,915	1,361	*	2,569
1949—Jan. ...	90	73	569	1,468	1,031	*	2,420
Feb.	156	137	1,061	2,188	1,808	*	4,147
March	173	150	1,039	2,291	1,516	*	4,246
April	139	116	960	2,129	1,961	*	3,849
May	150	144	1,130	2,210	1,427	*	3,865
June	128	115	711	1,512	985	*	2,807
July	66	78	220	60	137	710	1,890
Aug.	142	107	450	753	473	1,119	1,752
Sept.	190	175	1,164	2,322	1,224	1,612	4,266
Oct.	†	†	986	2,282	1,020	1,532	3,915
Nov.	†	†	1,148	†	1,657	†	3,403

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Baths (all types).	Sinks.		Bath Heaters.			Coppers (complete).		
		Stainless Steel.	Other.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.
Year—				Number.					
1938-39 ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1946-47 ...	*	6,969	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1947-48 ...	35,219	13,079	*	35,696	28,337	7,375	*	*	*
1948-49 ...	44,106	13,683	32,173	42,801	18,042	5,680	57,345	25,320	10,729
Month—									
1948—Sept. ...	4,061	1,226	2,901	4,539	1,794	488	3,822	2,446	1,285
Oct. ...	4,248	1,146	2,430	2,972	2,040	557	4,331	2,067	755
Nov. ...	4,326	1,306	2,244	1,853	1,014	432	5,727	2,214	927
Dec. ...	4,217	957	2,725	2,849	912	661	5,597	1,812	585
1949—Jan. ...	2,995	700	2,694	1,671	522	239	3,972	1,222	309
Feb. ...	3,173	895	2,309	2,199	830	476	3,092	2,180	849
March ...	3,604	1,408	2,863	2,708	1,101	475	5,024	2,301	776
April ...	3,351	1,012	2,204	2,298	1,080	457	6,868	2,007	866
May ...	3,908	1,477	2,686	6,480	1,606	404	6,883	2,722	919
June ...	3,558	1,000	2,552	6,203	1,013	572	2,948	1,922	639
July ...	2,298	835	2,013	7,047	370	201	3,126	184	68
Aug. ...	2,413	694	888	6,315	754	229	2,804	565	467
Sept. ...	4,383	1,178	2,463	2,806	1,300	449	5,064	2,664	923
Oct. ...	3,923	1,331	1,868	1,935	1,174	776	6,801	2,142	1,079†
Nov. ...	†	1,766	†	2,584	†	942	†	2,203	1,200

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

‡ Revised.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Refrigerators—Household.			Wireless Cabinets.	Perambulators.
	Electric.	Gas.	Kerosene.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39 ... ..	...	13,102	...	133,760	42,282
1946-47	21,567	12,598	6,810	196,978	48,859
1947-48	31,772	25,591	9,195	213,226	56,201
1948-49	51,331	21,954	10,934	181,409	47,191
Month—					
1948—Sept.	4,826	2,641	837	19,964	3,861
Oct.	5,139	2,008	703	14,381	3,243
Nov.	5,796	2,541	638	13,490	3,053
Dec.	5,096	2,045	269	11,342	3,766
1949—Jan.	3,743	1,814	513	7,294	3,493
Feb.	3,882	1,919	558	11,531	5,009
March	4,802	2,022	607	15,710	4,904
April	4,393	902	1,211	13,062	5,250
May	4,235	1,126	2,551	20,513	5,510
June	2,441	466	1,290	13,161	2,570
July	1,574	945	2,179	1,184	1,703
Aug.				11,539	2,920
Sept.				22,822	3,760
Oct.	5,510	1,648	1,556	21,460	3,045
Nov.	6,676	*	1,561	18,352	4,527

* Not yet available.

Period.	Mattresses.			Sulphate of Ammonia.	Sulphuric Acid.
	Spring.	Inner Spring.	Other.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	tons.	tons.
1938-39	79,140	17,407	*	20,960	85,501
1946-47	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1947-48	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611	111,101
1948-49	53,864	79,582	103,349	28,615	94,099
Month—					
1948—Sept.	4,661	6,392	14,812	2,772	8,210
Oct.	4,529	6,772	12,538	2,076	8,085
Nov.	4,555	6,958	12,634	2,404	6,962
Dec.	3,950	6,063	11,908	2,727	8,713
1949—Jan.	2,918	4,202	9,177	2,413	7,420
Feb.	4,752	6,518	12,179	2,267	8,878
March	5,338	8,729	16,221	2,655	8,117
April	4,053	6,804	13,212	2,099	7,814
May	5,270	8,959	15,861	2,961	8,143
June	4,608	6,633	13,318	1,834	6,147
July	3,109	3,555	8,802	1,363	3,806
Aug.	5,333	7,005	14,788		
Sept.	6,044	9,291	19,369		
Oct.	5,692	8,383	18,019	2,100	8,481
Nov.	5,528	9,189	18,008	1,965	5,530
				3,622	8,791

* Not available.

Period.	Soap.			Soap Extracts and Powders.	Glycerine (Refined).
	Household.	Toilet.	Other.		
Year—	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1938-39	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102	18,964
1946-47	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457	21,928
1947-48	217,042	224,716	114,802	279,658	20,019
1948-49	254,198	221,804	77,660	327,782	34,015
Month—					
1948—Sept.	25,121	20,144	7,196	22,332	3,676
Oct.	30,748	22,378	6,934	32,971	3,979
Nov.	27,098	21,249	7,288	27,204	3,053
Dec.	24,224	20,583	5,294	27,235	3,220
1949—Jan.	16,373	14,761	4,580	23,102	1,750
Feb.	20,809	18,935	5,220	22,930	2,391
March	16,704	18,699	6,606	29,099	2,920
April	18,872	12,713	6,318	31,144	2,959
May	17,316	15,626	7,566	38,565	2,958
June	18,325	17,853	6,472	31,232	2,606
July	16,810	7,760	2,230	80,457	2,726
Aug.	22,658	16,642	4,837		
Sept.	23,747	25,168	5,965		
Oct.	21,375	17,114	6,419	37,405	3,465
Nov.	20,517	26,607	8,528	40,514	2,657
				33,788	3,544

17. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1943.	1944	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	164	155	173	165	170	198	218
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	159	161	174	181	201	208	227
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	164	165	171	185	199	212	231
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	164	162	172	189	198	218	222
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	166	172	178	192	198	203	229
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	174	176	176	197	208	214	189
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	171	177	184	195	212	199	118
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	181	181	177	195	212	214	173
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	171	172	180	201	214	223	228
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	162	169	174	203	211	216	224
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	164	171	179	200	214	226	239
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	163	169	123	180	214	222	
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	167	170	172	191	204	213	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

18. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
Average of Months—	1938	s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
	1938	2 0.14	17 12 11		19 12 10		228 11 10		8 17 1	
	1939	2 1.42	17 12 1		19 15 3		268 3 6		9 14 4	
	1940	2 2.95	18 14 6		22 9 11		292 19 8		10 13 1	
	1941	2 4.26	19 11 4		22 12 11		295 1 6		10 13 8	
	1942	2 4.66	21 9 9		22 2 11		285 9 1		10 9 1	
	1943	2 4.63	22 19 2		23 15 2		283 1 6		10 9 0	
	1944	2 4.63	26 3 0		24 9 4		335 7 2		10 10 1	
	1945	2 10.59	34 10 10		37 6 4		350 9 0		10 13 10	
	1946	4 8.02	56 8 6		55 0 2		414 19 0		10 15 3	
1948—	1947	4 4.27	90 2 0		67 6 4		505 12 2		10 15 3	
	1948	4 11.18	111 4 11		77 2 0		657 14 2		10 15 3	
	July ...	4 6.06	116 12 2		79 10 0		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	August ...	5 1.66	116 19 10		79 10 0		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	September ...	5 1.94	115 0 8		79 15 5		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	October ...	5 2.23	127 9 4		81 8 4		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	November ...	5 1.65	126 10 11		80 3 4		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	December ...	5 0.50	131 9 7		79 14 11		684 4 6		10 15 3	
1949—	January ...	4 9.61	140 1 8		119 15 0		684 4 6		10 15 3	
	February ...	4 10.76	140 2 10		119 13 5		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	March ...	4 10.76	133 16 8		119 9 2		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	April ...	4 11.92	108 8 7		110 3 11		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	May ...	*	*		109 0 0		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	June ...	*	*		109 0 4		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	July ...	*	*		58 12 10		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	August ...	*	*		69 10 7		683 16 5		10 15 3	
	September ...	*	*		69 3 4		683 16 5		12 13 1	
	October ...	*	*		90 8 2		904 14 3		15 9 10	
	November ...	*	105 0 3		97 14 0		720 13 9		15 9 10	

* Comparable prices not available.

19. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
£ million.									
January ...	13·24	18·69	17·18	18·01	18·62	17·62	21·70	25·22	32·21
February ...	16·54	19·39	21·60	20·48	21·48	21·72	26·28	30·33	39·63
March ...	15·78	19·53	19·44	18·00	21·75	22·33	24·22	33·20	35·65
April ...	15·79	19·19	21·88	21·68	20·81	26·88	27·32	33·82	39·94
May ...	17·46	20·72	19·56	21·45	22·24	25·21	30·33	35·61	42·28
June ...	14·88	18·03	20·91	20·67	19·40	23·58	27·98	34·69	37·03
July ...	15·28	19·17	19·81	20·87	22·01	25·74	27·82	35·28	36·22
August ...	16·81	20·86	18·75	23·82	20·22	28·74	32·11	39·71	35·66
September ...	19·44	19·59	19·93	21·46	23·72	28·97	32·00	39·15	40·99
October ...	19·22	22·06	20·80	21·82	22·36	26·56	30·89	37·48	44·77
November ...	17·53	19·54	21·07	20·30	} 39·13 {	24·65	32·66	39·41	
December ...	18·32	20·98	19·61	22·84		27·76	34·15	35·08	
Year.	200·29	238·65	240·54	251·40	251·74	299·76	347·46	418·98	

20. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores, indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below, compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.*	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
	Percentage increase + or decrease —							
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942	304	303	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
1944	306	302	+ 3·2	— 0·2	— 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
1946	301	302	+ 32·2	+ 3·8	+ 28·0	+ 20·0		
1947	302	302	+ 18·7	+ 32·5	+ 21·5	+ 8·6		
1948	302	303	+ 16·3	+ 20·6	+ 20·6	+ 6·0		
1948.								
October	26	25	+ 4·2	+ 15·6	+ 16·7	+ 3·3	+ 8·3	+ 20·0
November	25	26	+ 19·8	+ 13·6	+ 20·9	+ 5·7	+ 8·2	+ 19·1
December	24	24	+ 15·5	+ 11·9	+ 22·5	+ 2·8	+ 13·1	+ 20·3
1949.								
January	25	23	+ 12·2	+ 11·1	+ 21·4	+ 2·3	+ 16·0	+ 21·7
February	24	24	+ 16·1	+ 7·7	+ 18·7	+ 2·9	+ 14·7	+ 21·0
March	24	27	+ 21·1	+ 7·2	+ 17·8	+ 2·0	+ 16·9	+ 19·3
April	25	22	+ 1·4	+ 6·1	+ 17·7	+ 1·5	+ 12·1	+ 18·1
May	26	26	+ 15·2	+ 5·7	+ 18·4	+ 3·3	+ 12·3	+ 18·0
June	25	25	+ 2·4	+ 7·8	+ 19·0	+ 1·8	+ 6·2	+ 18·4
July	27	26	— 16·3	+ 8·6	+ 3·3	— 1·1	+ 0·9	+ 13·4
August	26	27	— 2·8	+ 6·1	+ 11·8	— 1·8	— 5·3	+ 11·2
September	26	26	+ 4·1	+ 5·8	+ 9·6	— 2·2	— 4·5	+ 8·3
October ..	25	25	+ 10·0	+ 5·8	+ 8·9	— 2·0	+ 3·5	+ 10·1
November	26	26	+ 13·2	+ 6·3	+ 10·9	— 2·0	+ 9·1	+ 9·8

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 1.

21. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
Taxes—	£ million.		Social Services*—	£ million.	
Customs	31'05	36'88	Invalid, Age Pensions...	19'39	21'67
Excise	31'71	32'67	Widows' Pensions ...	2'19	2'38
Sales	19'87	20'18	Child Endowment ...	10'75	16'09
Income Tax	55'53	44'61	Hospital Benefits ...	2'38	2'93
Social Services Contribu-			Unemployment, etc.,		
tion	34'50	41'95	Benefits	0'60	1'83
Payroll	9'58	10'78	Other	1'69	2'03
Estate	2'03	2'99			
Entertainments ...	2'47	2'33	Total, Social Services*	37'00	46'93
Other	0'65	1'33	To States—		
Total Taxes	187'39	193'72	Tax Reimbursements	20'15	24'88
Post Office	16'43	18'32	Other	12'50	23'67
Broadcasting ... ..	...	0'93	Capital Works	16'01	27'43
Railways	0'65	0'85	Post Office†	16'89	19'73
Territories	0'35	0'41	Broadcasting†		1'25
Other... ..	21'42	11'74	Railways†... ..		1'13
			Territories†	2'58	2'06
			Defence Services ...	120'92	18'54
Primary Production† ...	226'24	225'97	War and Repatriation—		
	0'48	7'82	Pensions		11'12
			Other†		36'39
			Debt Charges		33'95
			Other		20'75
				226'98	268'73
			Primary Production† ...	0'48	7'82
Total Revenue ...	226'72	233'79	Total Expenditure ...	227'46	276'55

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund. † Self-balancing items. ‡ Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than War and Repatriation which is included above), in the six months ended December, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £7,465,000 in 1949, and £7,352,000 in 1948.

22. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
From Commonwealth—	£ thousand.		Interest, Exchange and Sink-	£ thousand.	
Towards Interest... ..	729	729	ing Fund	4,220	4,511
Reimbursement of Taxes	3,708	4,404	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	304	450	Activities	235	299
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	1,809	2,029			
Other Taxes	841	719	Net Debt Charges ...	3,985	4,212
Land	335	379	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	497	425	Governmental	7,316	8,662
Other... ..	1,220	1,198	Business Undertakings ...	10,383	10,602
Total Governmental ...	9,443	10,333			
Business Undertakings ...	11,779	12,486*			
Total Revenue ...	21,222	22,819	Total Expenditure ...	21,684	23,476

* Includes part of Commonwealth grant towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions, viz., to Railways £3,000,000 and to Tramways and Omnibuses £200,000.

Loan Expenditure on works and services during the three months ended September was gross £6,612,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £6,391,000 in 1949, compared with gross £3,999,000 and net £3,906,000 in 1948.

23. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
£ million.						
1939—June ...	318·0	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 " ...	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	280·7
1948 " ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1949† " ...	817·4	40·0	11·1	62·5	381·2	383·3
1948—August ...	688·3	45·7	12·4	59·6	271·6	361·6
Sept. ...	719·0	54·3	20·2	59·2	267·4	363·4
Oct. ...	742·3	52·9	26·9	58·4	270·0	372·6
Nov. ...	764·1	49·3	28·6	60·5	286·8	373·6
1949†—August ...	791·1	47·2	13·3	72·7	326·4	390·5
Sept. ...	802·3	49·8	17·2	76·6	308·3	393·7
Oct. ...	821·4	51·8	25·2	75·7	307·0	400·7
Nov. ...	865·2	56·3	30·6	76·1	320·3	404·6

* Excluding London Funds.

† Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were approximately £9 m. in January and £2·6 m. in July, 1949).

24. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 23 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.		Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.			All Trading Banks.					
		Deposits.			Advances, etc.	New South Wales.		Australia.		
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.	
£ million.										
1946—	June	...	163·1	74·1	237·2	90·6	}	*	}	*
1947—	June	...	174·6	69·7	244·3	116·5				
1948—	June	...	197·5	67·9	265·4	142·9				
	October	...	207·0	71·1	278·1	150·7	329·5	201·5	828·8	455·5
	November	...	214·6	71·2	285·8	151·0	337·9	202·5	852·6	458·6
	December	...	223·8	73·1	296·9	149·7	351·2	202·3	880·0	458·6
1949—	January†	...	223·6	73·9	297·5	139·9	353·7	194·1	885·5‡	453·5‡
	February	...	227·5	73·7	301·2	140·9	358·3	195·7	909·9	454·9
	March	...	230·8	73·0	303·8	138·6	360·3	194·2	922·9	455·3
	April	...	232·8	72·3	305·1	146·2	363·4	202·7	929·5	470·2
	May	...	233·8	72·7	306·5	146·4	364·0	203·3	923·8	473·1
	June	...	228·1	73·2	301·3	150·4	358·5	208·6	914·8	482·9
	July†	...	221·3	72·1	293·4	153·7	349·1	214·1	894·2‡	496·3‡
	August	...	222·2	72·4	294·6	150·4	349·7	212·5	897·4	497·6
	September	...	225·3	71·8	297·1	151·1	352·5	214·7	911·4	502·3
	October	...	234·2	71·8	306·0	154·9	363·7	220·3	934·0	512·8
	November	...	248·0	74·3	322·3	156·2	384·4	222·2	988·0	519·2

* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in N.S.W. in months of change were £5·8 m. in January and £0·7 m. in July, 1949). ‡ See note † under Table 23.

25. SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

As at 30th June.	Amount on Deposit.	At end of Month.	Amount on Deposit.				
			1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£ thous.				£ thousand.		
1938 ...	86,016	January	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430	238,564
1939 ...	87,474	February	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182	240,000
1940 ...	82,111	March	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712	240,282
1941 ...	87,750	April ...	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788	240,452
1942 ...	94,538	May ...	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034	240,468
1943 ...	122,405	June*	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964	244,483
1944 ...	162,867	July ...	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265	246,065
1945 ...	198,203	August ...	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910	246,002
1946 ...	236,242	September	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246	246,125
1947 ...	231,368	October	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831	247,918
1948 ...	236,964	November	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031	248,356
1949 ...	244,483	December	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924	

* Including accrued interest credited in June, e.g., £3,882,000 in June, 1949.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount of Savings Certificates outstanding in New South Wales was £24,119,350 at 31st October, 1949. The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949.

26. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Amount—£ million.							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	213.2	96	147	149	157	194	231	274
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	238.0	93	146	145	164	193	230	267
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	244.7	98	150	154	176	218	253	300
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	261.2	100	158	160	184	229	269	315
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	269.8	101	166	169	195	236	289	336
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	244.7	98	168	167	206	229	291	326
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	208.5	99	169	168	214	227	287	314
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7	271.1	99	163	166	217	232	293	303
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2	259.2	100	159	166	216	234	291	302
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2	291.7	102	153	164	211	243	298	328
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5	304.9	106	152	159	208	243	296	350
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2600.0	2998.4	100	156	160	196	226	277	314

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

27. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
		£		£	£
1939—Year ...	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „ ...	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „ ...	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „ ...	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „ ...	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1948 „ ...	96,576	47,496,741	114,482	11,069,677	58,566,418
1948—Jan. to Oct.	77,824	37,390,399	98,591	9,511,512	46,901,821
1949—Jan. to Oct.	73,944	38,398,798	98,368	9,761,292	48,160,090
August ...	8,810	4,483,078	10,463	1,037,848	5,520,926
September ...	11,369	5,543,044	12,518	1,280,007	6,823,051
October ...	6,728	3,457,316	12,068	1,279,342	4,736,658

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

28. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1947—Year ...	2,799,175	788,685	1,452,174	5,040,034
1948 „ ...	5,828,463	861,255	2,539,578	9,229,296
1948—Jan. to Oct.	4,134,858	713,245	2,005,030	6,853,133
1949—Jan. to Oct.	7,222,522	782,156	2,203,968	10,208,646
August ...	1,035,764	97,195	232,786	1,365,745
September ...	596,587	86,680	270,531	953,798
October ...	1,160,119	79,945	286,178	1,526,242

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

29. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total, 75 Companies.*	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1939—Aug. ...	212·6	168·2	156·0	118·2	263·9	174·4	181·9
1945—Sept. ...	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
1946—Dec.† ...	292·4	251·6	197·3	160·7	322·5	229·7	247·2
1948—Jan.‡ ...	361·4	315·5	184·7	191·7	407·8	271·5	283·7
Dec. ...	351·7	301·0	172·6	180·6	431·0	259·4	268·2
1949—April ...	338·8	286·9	160·7	171·0	406·5	250·7	255·8
May ...	340·8	283·2	158·8	177·1	469·5	251·4	256·5
June ...	326·9	274·4	153·1	171·7	462·3	242·4	246·4
July ...	323·6	271·4	153·5	173·5	456·1	239·7	244·2
Aug. ...	332·2	286·3	155·9	184·0	464·9	247·8	255·0
Sept. ...	340·1	289·1	157·8	183·7	473·6	252·1	259·0
Oct. ...	350·6	289·5	156·9	187·0	482·3	257·3	266·5
Nov. ...	358·3	294·5	158·4	190·7	493·1	262·4	270·2
Dec. ...	305·6	295·3	158·1	193·1	497·3	265·9	273·7

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † Restrictions on trading and price movements in company shares were removed in January, 1947. ‡ Highest point recorded for the index of 75 companies.

30. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Long- dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ¶
Average for year—			Under 5 years ‡	10 years and over ‡				
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
			2 years §	12 years §				
1941	5'5	4'0	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942	5'4	4'9	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73 ¶
1946	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'12	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1948—November ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1949—March ...	4'4	4'3	2'06	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June ...	4'4	4'3	1'97	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
July ...	4'4	4'3	1'99	3'14	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
August ...	4'4	4'2	1'92	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'2	1'99	3'14	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
October ...	4'4	4'2	1'96	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
November ...	4'4	4'3	1'97	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax ‡ at rates not exceeding those in 1930, § at current rates.

¶ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

31. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Mortgages Registered.*					
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£ thousand.											
January ...	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,501	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,199
February ...	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	4,475	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	2,838
March ...	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	6,242	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	3,477
April ...	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	5,192	2,025	526	1,431	1,074	2,551	2,529
May ...	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	5,674	2,112	606	1,641	2,299	2,666	3,105
June ...	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,017	4,911	6,086	1,658	864	1,708	2,079	3,550	3,785
July ...	2,919	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	7,022	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	3,816
August ...	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137	6,711	2,770	801	2,352	2,085	2,307	4,200
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	8,097	1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	4,010
October ...	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,994	7,197	1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	4,496
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	11,210	1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	3,893
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	9,607	1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	6,543
Year ...	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	82,262	22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	44,891

* Relating substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and excluding fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts).

32. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.*

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

Year.	Month of December.			Year ended 31st December.		
	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†	Crops.	Wool.†	Livestock.†
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947	23,149	93,215	137,320	789,002	1,893,292	1,689,916
1948	16,761	94,513	169,994	407,609	2,284,007	2,544,785
1949	49,547	175,907	181,950	432,298	2,919,751	2,840,838

* See note * under Table 31.

† Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

33. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 Rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10·1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20·3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22·3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24·9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22·5
1945—June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22·3
1946—June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24·9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25·1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26·2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27·8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28·0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30·5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33·1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36·1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39·9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43·3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45·7
1949—March ...	1,350	1,048	1,891	1,334	1,391	49·1
June ...	1,384	1,048	1,980	1,347	1,425	52·7
September ...	1,395	1,049	2,054	1,385	1,452	55·6
December ...	1,421	1,049	2,161	1,389	1,486	59·3

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

34. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939† ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	106 0‡
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
1949 ...	124 0	127 0	130 0	132 0	123 0	126 0	129 0	131 0
1950 ...	135 0				134 0			

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less. The rate at Broken Hill was 145s. in February, 1950.

† In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

‡ Including special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1949:—New South Wales, Males, 1,561,592; Females, 1,552,067; Persons, 3,113,659—39·4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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